



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# ***Savannah National Wildlife Refuge*** **2013 Mobility-Impaired Hunt**

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge's 18th annual deer hunt managed for mobility-impaired hunters will be held on November 5 & 6, 2013. Only hunters who are dependent on wheelchairs for mobility are eligible to participate in this hunt. Each hunter must submit a quota deer hunt application (FWS Form 3-2354) and the attached eligibility statement, signed by a physician certifying that the applicant is permanently dependent upon a wheelchair. (This requirement is waived for past hunt participants; their statement is on file.) The permit application and physician's statement must be returned to the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex office by August 31, 2013.

Each selected hunter may bring an attendant (if needed) who can assist the hunter. Attendants will not be permitted to hunt. The attendant may serve as the selected hunter's representative at the mandatory pre-hunt orientation meeting on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

For further information regarding the refuge or hunt management, please contact the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex office at (843) 784-2468.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Please read the following before completing the permit application for the deer hunt managed for mobility-impaired hunters on Savannah NWR.**

The hunt will be limited to 15 hunters who will be selected by drawing. All applications (with signed physician's statements) must be received at the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex office by August 31, 2013. The permit drawing will be held Thursday, September 5, 2013. Selected hunters will be notified by mail; the refuge does not notify hunters who were not selected.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants for the mobility-impaired hunt shall be restricted to persons permanently confined to a wheelchair.

Only one application may be submitted per hunter. Applicants who apply more than once for the hunt will be rejected. Only complete and correct applications will be eligible for the drawing.

A \$15.00 permit fee is required of successful applicants and must be received at the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex office by October 15, 2013. Please do not submit payment until you receive notification that you have been drawn.

**\*Accepted payment methods are credit/debit cards (call 843/784-9911 to pay by phone), cashiers check or money order (made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.) No personal checks will be accepted.**

Hunt permits are non-transferable and are valid only for the individual whose name appears on the permit.

**All hunters, or their designated representatives, must attend a pre-hunt orientation meeting at the refuge maintenance center on Monday, November 4, at 5:00 p.m.**

### **HUNTING REGULATIONS**

Shotguns with slugs and bows are the only weapons permitted.

Hunting will be from designated sites only. Selection of sites will be by drawing and hunters are required to stay at the site they were selected for. All sites will be accessible by ATV or vehicle. Refuge staff, if needed, will assist hunters in getting to designated sites. Portable blinds are also available from the refuge.

Hunters may be accompanied by one able-bodied person who will participate in a non-hunting capacity.

Stand hours will be observed between 1/2 hour before sunrise to 9:00 a.m. and from 2 hours before sunset to 1/2 hour after legal sunset.

Bag limit: 5 deer (no more than two antlered). "Bonus" tags will NOT be issued. Does taken in South Carolina must be tagged with state doe tags which will be provided by refuge staff.

All hunters and assistants are required to wear at all times an outer garment above the waist which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange material.

## **DIRECTIONS TO REFUGE MAINTENANCE FACILITY**

The Savannah NWR maintenance center is located on S.C. Hwy 170, approximately 7 miles south of Hardeeville, SC, 7 miles north of Savannah, GA, and 2 miles east of Port Wentworth, GA. From I-95, take SC Exit 5 (Hardeeville/Savannah) and go south on U.S. Hwy 17 towards Savannah, GA. Continue for approximately 6 miles to the interchange with S.C. Hwy 170 West (there will be a sign to exit right for the Savannah NWR). Once on S.C. Hwy 170, the entrance to the maintenance center is approximately 2 ½ miles down, on the right, directly across from the entrance to the Laurel Hill Wildlife Drive. This is where hunters or their representatives will need to report each day of the hunt, including the orientation meeting held the evening before the hunt.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Each eligible hunter must submit FWS Form 3-2354; Quota Deer Hunt Application, which was either mailed with this information packet, attached to the email you were sent, or located on the same web page from which this information packet was downloaded. If you received a printed copy of the form, please fill out by hand. If you received the form electronically (via email), you may either print the form and fill it out by hand, or you can fill it in on your computer and then print it out.

Many of the fields on the application are already filled in. If they are, please do not change the information that is already there. The only fields you need to fill in are the following:

**2. Date of application:** Write or type today's date

**3. Contact Information:** Write or type your full, legal name, mailing address, a phone number where you can usually be reached during the day, and your email address, if you have one.

**8. Acknowledgement and signature:** Once you have completed all fields and printed the form, please sign here

**All applications must be received by August 31, 2013 at the following address:**

**Hunt Program  
Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex  
694 Beech Hill Lane  
Hardeeville, South Carolina 29927**

Additional applications and hunt information may be obtained from the following web address or by calling the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex at (843)784-9911:

**<http://www.fws.gov/savannah/hunting.html>**

**\*\*Please see next page for Physicians Statement\*\***



**UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
694 Beech Hill Lane  
Hardeeville, South Carolina 29927**



**HUNTING PROGRAM FOR THE MOBILITY-IMPAIRED**

**Instruction to the examining physician:**

This statement which you are being asked to verify will allow the individual identified to participate in refuge-sponsored hunting programs for those who are dependent on wheelchairs for mobility. The program is designed to accommodate only those individuals who would otherwise not be able to participate in hunting activities on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge. In order to qualify, the individual must be permanently confined to a wheelchair. A wheelchair must be the only form of mobility available for the permit applicant. This form is intended only to establish eligibility for an individual permit applicant to participate in the Savannah Refuge hunting programs for the non-ambulatory (wheelchair-dependent) individual.

**STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR  
NON-AMBULATORY HUNT PRIVILEGES AT  
SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

I hereby verify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant's name) is restricted to the use of a wheelchair for mobility. The applicant is not mobile without the aid of a wheelchair, and would be unable to participate in hunting activities on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge except through those activities and privileges granted to non-ambulatory hunters.

The use of a wheelchair by the applicant is permanent in nature. I understand that this is only a statement of eligibility for the applicant to apply for non-ambulatory hunting privileges at Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.

**Signatures**

**Physician:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Refuge Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Due Date:** August 31, 2013